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In re Application of:)
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: Group Art Unit: 2853
Appln. No.: 09/349,473)
: Filed: July 9, 1999)
: For: INK-JET APPARATUS) August 14, 2000
: EMPLOYING INK-JET HEAD)
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SUBMISSION OF SWORN TRANSLATIONS OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS

Sir:

Further to the Amendment filed June 28, 2000,
Applicants are submitting herewith copies of sworn English
translations of the following priority documents:

Japanese Patent Application No. 6-340264 filed
December 29, 1994;

Japanese Patent Application No. 6-340266 filed
December 29, 1994;

Japanese Patent Application No. 6-340267 filed
December 29, 1994; and

Japanese Patent Application No. 6-340268 filed
December 29, 1994.

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Thus, Applicants are entitled to an effective filing date of December 29, 1994, for the subject matter disclosed in those Japanese priority applications. It is submitted that this establishes an effective filing date earlier than the October 20, 1995, effective filing date of U.S. Patent No. 5,731,828 (Ishinaga et al.) for that subject matter.

Thus, in addition to the patentability arguments presented in the Amendment filed June 28, 2000, the filing hereby of copies of the sworn translations of the priority documents obviates the § 102 rejection of the supported claims.

Favorable consideration and an early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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